

In Conclusion:

The Islamic Salafi Institute of Dammaj is one of the most authoritative Islamic Institutes teaching and propagating the sound and orthodox belief and teachings of Islam.

Their teachings are strongly opposed to those of extremist ideologies which call for terrorism, brutality, unlawful killing, and mass excommunication.

We request all journalists and news reporters to avoid broadcasting unverified information regarding the Institute.

We ask journalists to look deeper into the Institute, its history and its public stances and we ask them to provide their audience a view less lopsided than the scene which has currently been adopted by the mainstream media.

We also request that this release be distributed and circulated through the media.

هَذَا بَلَّغٌ لِلنَّاسِ

“This a Message for the People”

[14:52]

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1- The History of The Islamic Salafi institute (Daarul-Hadeeth] of Dammaj Pertaining to Oppressive Terrorism

The Islamic Salafi Institute of Dammaj was established forty years ago. It was set up by its founder, Sheikh Muqbil bin Hadi AL-Waadi'i (1933-2001, CE.), and it has grown and earned widespread recognition for its devotion in spreading the authentic, sound teachings of Islam which are established upon peace, safety. These teachings are free from the injustice ,unlawful killing and brutality espoused by extremist groups such as Al Qaeda and others.

The legislation of Islam and its message generally warns one away from any thought, methodology or ideology which threatens public safety and peace.

It specifically warns against activities which may lead to chaos within Muslim society; such as riots, protests, rebellion against established governments, and oppressive terror-tactics, and so forth.

2- Does The Islamic Salafi Institute of Dammaj Have any Form of Cooperation with the acts of Terrorism Past and Present?

The Islamic Salafi Institute of Dammaj has separated and distanced itself from the past and present activities of the extremist group Al-Qaeda.

The Institute's stance is clearly evident in their publications, pamphlets, tapes and other media. During his life, the original founder of the Institute, Sheikh Muqbil, had openly criticized and spoken out against the ideology of Osama bin Laden; the group's leader; and his followers. That the institute continues to stand against terrorism and oppression since its inception is a undeniable fact.

3- Does The Presence of Foreign Students in The Islamic Salafi Institute of Dammaj prove any Form of Criminal Terrorism?

In Islam, travelling to learn Islamic knowledge is a praiseworthy action. The act of travelling for knowledge resembles the example of Moses ('alahissalam) when he travelled to learn from Khidr, as mentioned in the Quran. It also resembles the example of the many Companions of the Prophet (salla Allah 'alaihi wasallam) who travelled to learn Islam from him.

The act of travelling for an Islamic education possesses many virtues and fruits in this worldly life and the Hereafter.

Therefore, it is more than likely to find foreign Muslim students who have travelled to learn Islamic knowledge directly from the scholars at this Institute.

The presence of foreign students at the Institute do not support any claims or accusations of terrorism or radical militancy that have been thrown at the Institute.

4- Does The Salafi Institute of Dammaj Possess Terrorist Training Camps?

The Salafi Institute of Dammaj is a campus for Islamic education and learning. The Institute teaches that unlawful killing, transgression and terrorism are sinful actions. It is not, and has never been, a campus for extremist training or indoctrination.

The vast majority of formal educational institutes, worldwide, have campus security to protect its teachers, students and employees. The presence of such security details about the campus do not hold weight in the allegations of the Institute being a terrorist-training camp.

5- Should The Whole Salafi Institute of Dammaj be Held Responsible of The Crime of One Individual?

The Institute cannot be held responsible for the actions of students or former students who either hold or act upon ideologies, thoughts, teachings which are opposed to or have deviated from the official, public stances made by the Institute and its teachers.

It is neither just, reasonable, nor logical to make such a claim.

It is more befitting a logical, open-minded individual to understand what exactly is being taught at the Institute and to look into the Institute's past and present stances vis-a-vis those stances made by extremist groups such as Al Qaeda and others, worldwide.

6- What it is The Salafi Institute's Stance towards The Past & Present Wars of Yemen?

The Institute's official stance is to be apolitical. The Institute has never participated in any of the past or present wars of Yemen. It was only from the onset of the Siege that the Institute has been forced to take up arms.

Unprovoked, the Houthis had laid siege to Dammaj and killed many of the Arab and foreign students in their attacks. Practicing their right to self-defence, the Arab and foreign students of Dammaj have been forced to take up arms to defend their lives and wealth, and the lives of their families currently residing on campus from the Houthis attacks.